गंगा नदी में परिवहन सेवा आरम्भ करना

3784. **श्री जार्दन यादव** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार भागलपुर, बिहार तथा हावड़ा के बीच गंगा नदी में परिवहन सेवाएं प्रारंभ करने का प्रस्ताव रखती है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सेवा के कब तक प्रारम्भ हो जाने की संभावना है, और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : (क) से (ग) गंगा नदी में अन्तर्देशीय जल परिवहन सेवा कलकत्ता फरक्का और भागलपुर के रास्ते हल्दिया-पटना क्षेत्र में पहले ही चल रही है । जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के अधीन सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उपक्रम, केन्द्रीय अन्तर्देशीय जल परिवहन निगम लि० और निजी उद्यमी एसोसिएशन उक्त क्षेत्र में कार्गो परिवहन सेवा प्रचालित कर रहे हैं ।

Collection of Taxes from Transporters by Armed Insurgents in Manipur

3785. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that amed insurgests-National Socialist Council of Nagaland (M) have stepped up their activities in Manipur and they are collecting taxes from the transporters who ply vehicles on the National Highways 39 and 53, even in the presence of paramilitary forces stationed there;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the transporters are helplessly paying taxes, both to the State Government and to the insurgents;

(c) whether Government have received ay memoranda from the Joint Action Committee on Transport and Carriers Services, Manipur for taking urgent necessary steps in the matters;

(d) whether it is a fact that in Manipur recently, there has been a strike by the transporters in this regard;

(e) whether he has received any representation from the Members of Parliament for immediate intervention to deal with armed insurgency in the State; and

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government have received reports indicating collection of money|extortion from transporters by activists of insurgent groups.

(b) There are no specific reports lodged by any transporters about payment to the insurgents by the transporters.

(c) The Joint Action Committee on Transport and Carriers Services, Manipur have submitted a memorandum to the Central as well as the State Government.

(d) There has been a strike of transporters from December 21, 1994 to February 10, 1995.

(e) and (f) Representations to deal with insurgents have been sent to the Central Government as well as to the State Government. Action taken in this regard includes stepping up of vigilance, posting of pickets in vulnerable a points, provision of convoys with armed guard on both the national highways and post where better protection is shifting of checking centres to safe post where better protection is available.

Guidelines for Vehicles Transporting Dangerious Substances

3786. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: